

## **Youth Sports Core Values and Community Strategy**

1. The City of Edina believes in the benefits and attraction of youth sports as a means to teach the children of this community values and skills that will be of benefit to them throughout life; and
2. We believe that Edina's youth athletic associations develop fundamental internal and external assets for children by providing opportunities to develop positive character traits and life values where children can learn a multitude of important lessons and valuable fundamentals, such as ethics, abiding by the rules, winning and losing with grace, coping with success and failure, always trying to do your best, respecting authority figures, learning about team work, developing fundamental motor skills and sports specific knowledge; and
3. We believe that the most important underlying mission for every youth athletic association is to develop emotionally, socially, and physically healthy children; and
4. We believe that youth sports programs conducted under the right conditions are enormously beneficial for children; and
5. We recognize the need to ensure that Edina's youth athletic association programs provide athletic programs that are safe, positive, fun, physically and psychologically age-appropriate, educational, teaches values and ethics, strengthens the community, promotes competition without conflict, open to all residents of all abilities and should not be denied an opportunity to participate based on ability, offer a reasonable number of events, and are administered by qualified volunteers; and
6. We believe that youth sports association league organizers and administrators must be educated on how to provide a safe, positive, and fun youth sports environment before being granted access to public facilities; and
7. We believe volunteer coaches and parents must receive orientation and education as to the individual roles and responsibilities in our community's effort to raise the standards of youth sports programs and that volunteer coaches and parents be held accountable for their behaviors; and
8. We believe it is necessary and desirable to establish guidelines, requirements and standards for youth sports associations utilizing public facilities; and
9. We recognize the need to ensure that Edina's youth athletic associations form and advertise a formal grievance process by which residents are assured of an appropriate venue and process to hear their grievances in a manner that is open, fair, and just; and

The City of Edina in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof,  
recognize and encourage official implementation of this Community Strategy to  
improve the culture of youth sports for all participants.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor of Edina